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SUBJECT: 29TH UNGA - SECOND COMMITTEE - ITEM 12, ECOSOC

REPORT (ENVIRONMENT) - UPPER VOLTAN RESOLUTION -

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REF: A) USUN 4804, B) NAIROBI 9288

1. DEPT FINDS THIRD DRAFT SUBJECT RESOLUTION REMOVES OBJECTIONABLE DUPLICATIVE CHARACTER OF PREVIOUS DRAFTS BUT STILL RETAINS PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONFERENCE ON DESERTIFICATION FOR 1977. IT IS NOT CLEAR WHAT ADDITIONAL PROGRESS COULD BE GAINED TOWARD SOLVING THE DESERTIFICATION PROBLEM BY HOLDING THE PROPOSED CONFERENCE OVER AND ABOVE EFFORTS ALREADY INITIATED IN UNEP PROGRAM ACTIVITIES CITED REFTEL B. MISSION IS REQUESTED TO CONSULT WITH WEOS TO DETERMINE IF SUPPORT EXISTS FOR RENEWING EFFORTS TO REMOVE FROM UPPER VOLTAN RES PORTION CALLING FOR CONVENING OF

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CONFERENCE. IF OPPOSITION TO SUCH A CONFERENCE APPEARS IN-

SUFFICIENT TO HEAD OFF, MISSION SHOULD ATTEMPT TO GET OTHER DELS TO PERSUADE UPPER VOLTANS TO REFER THE POSSIBILITY OF CONVENING A CONFERENCE ON DESERTIFICATION TO A FUTURE MEETING OF THE UNEP GOVERNING COUNCIL (AS PREVIOUSLY SUGGESTED STATE 241579) BY REINSTATING PARA (C) OF ORIGINAL DRAFT (USUN 4599) AND CHANGING WORDS, "TO CONVENE" TO "CONSIDER THE CONVENING".

2. RE PARA 3A REFTTEL A, MISSION SHOULD PROPOSE LANGUAGE ALONG FOLLOWING LINES TO SUBSTITUTE FOR PRESENT PRE-AMBULAR PARA 6:

"FULLY AWARE OF CERTAIN ACTIVITIES IN THIS AREA CONTEMPLATED BY ECOSOC RESOLUTION 1898 (LV11) AND CERTAIN OTHER ACTIVITIES INITIATED IN UN ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM IN ACCORDANCE WITH UNEP GOVERNING COUNCIL RESOLUTION 8(II), PART AI2, BUT NEVERTHELESS AWARE ALSO OF THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL RESEARCH TO CLARIFY A NUMBER OF FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEMS FOR THE SOLUTION OF WHICH THE REQUISITE SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE IS NOT YET AVAILABLE."

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